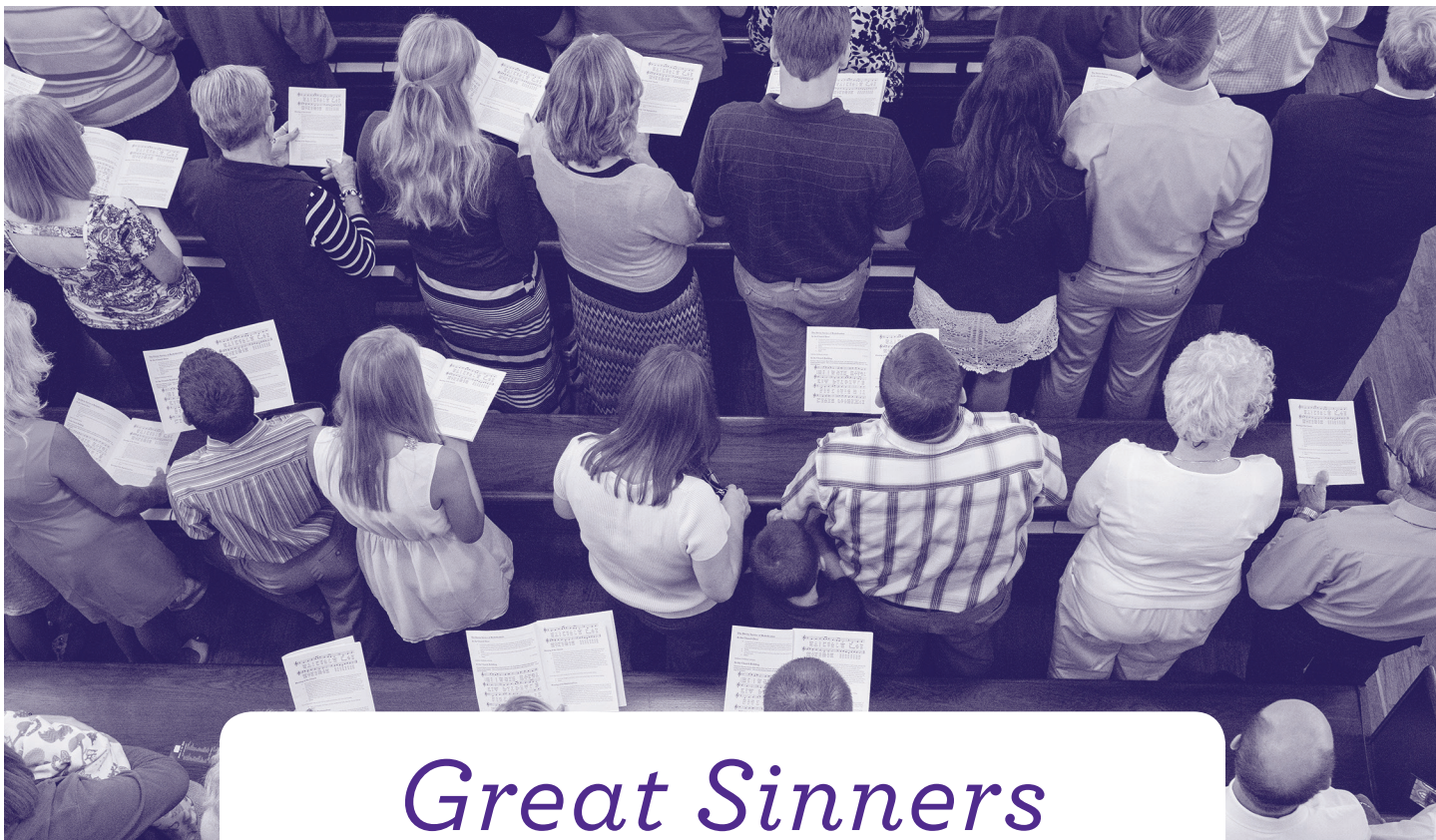




Great Sinners

by Scott Murray

When I was in Germany in the spring, Hans-Jörg Voigt, the soft-spoken bishop of the Free Lutheran Church in Germany, expressed repentance for the death camps used by the Nazis to exterminate millions of people who were considered genetically or politically inferior, even though Bishop Voigt was born in the 1950s long after WWII. He understood that there is a collective responsibility for the slaughter perpetrated during WWII. If the Germans can confess collective guilt, why can't we? Let us repent of our complicity in abortion.

When a woman who has had an abortion comes to me and confesses her sin, she is not only confessing her sin but my own. Her repentance rips at her heart. It tears at my ears. For her voice is my voice. Her sin is my sin, because I am complicit. Silence is complicity. As Senator Mike Lee said on the floor of the U.S. Senate in September, "In the case of the Planned Parenthood undercover videos in the court of public opinion (as they taught me in law school), *qui tacit consentire videtur*: the media's silence indicates their consent." But what is good for the media is good for me too! I need to repent of my complicity, because I have been silent.

God will not remain silent while we are. He has continued to deliver the story of the cross. It gets sin out in the open. What rips our ears and tears our hearts open His veins. There can be no moral cover-up. God uncovers our sin and places it on the Messiah-King who is crucified for sinners.

Many people say, "But Pastor, what can I do? I feel so helpless!" What can you do? Pray. Show love and compassion to those who are suffering over their abortion or their part in one. With count of the dead now at 57 million, there are plenty of people to comfort!

I believe that many who have had abortions, performed abortions, aided and abetted the abortion industry, or encouraged another to have an abortion bear a horrifying load of guilt. Many feel cornered into supporting this practice as a religious good because they don't know of the God who sends His Son to suffer on the cross to pay even for the sin of abortion. Jesus has died for all sins, and not just for ours only, but even for the sins of the whole world (1 JOHN 2:2). Christ pays for the sin of abortionists, those who helped a woman decide to abort, those who sort through the mangled body parts for useful pieces, those who carry the trays of the remains, those who run the abortion mills, those who write the talking points covering genocide, for those who have believed the lies told about their beautiful children and have submitted to abortion and those who have been silently complicit. ✠

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